

Report presented, ¹¹at Quarterly Meeting
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The present arrangement of these churches for City Missions is an Experiment. Its success depends, under God, on securing three things - 1st, The requisite pecuniary aid; 2^d, the requisite amount of personal effort; & 3^d the requisite sympathy & interest & prayer for the object, in the Churches.

This meeting looks to all these ends as its object.

It is held, as one part of the general arrangement, & for the obvious reason the City Missions cannot be carried on, any more than Foreign, without such sympathy, aid, & prayer of the churches; & because these cannot be secured for the one any more than the other, without some arrangement to keep the Chhs. advised of wh^t. is done, & wh^t. remains to be done. How long, &c. - F. Miss.

In entering on their work, under the new arrangement, the B. C. M. Socy, deemed it th^r first work to learn something definite of the field before them. A somewhat careful inquiry gave the following

Among other results.

Children, bet. 4 & 16, &c. of a suitable age for School 17,000

In Sabb. Schools ————— 12,500

In Evan. Sabb. Schools ————— 8,000

Not connect with any School (+ 1/4) — 4,500

Not connect w. any Evan School (+ 1/2) 9,000

Memberships in Churches.

Orthodox — 12 Chh. — 3750 memb. — + 1 in 3 of attend on P. Worship.

Baptist — 9 — " — 3000 — " — + 1 in 3 — " — " —

Methodist — 10 — " — 1800 — " — + 1 in 3 — " — " —

Other Evang. Chh. (est) 1000 — " — 1 in 3 — " — " —

All others — (est) 4,600 — " — + 1 in 6 — " — " —

Total of all — 14,150 — " — or 1 in 6 of the whole population

Total of Evang. — 9,550 — " — or + 2/3 of all memb. of Chh., but only about 1 in 9 of population

Attendance on Public Worship.

Orthodox — 9,000

Baptist — 7,000

Methodist — 4,500

Other Evang. — 3,000

All others — 19,700

Total of all — 43,292, or making all possible allowances

Total of Evang. — 23,500 — 25,000, or + 1/2 of attend on pub. wor.

Total of Others — 19,700 — 24,000 } + less than 1/3 population

Total Reg. Pub. Worsh. 35,000 — 35,000 } — 1 other 2/3 Errorists & Indis-
-ciples

The startling fact is that there is a pop. of habitual neglectors of pub. worship here equal to 1 entire population of Dorchester, Roxbury, Brookline, Cambridge, Charlestown, & Chelsea.

The Calculation is easy — 70 places of worship — Capacity 800 = 56,000 + 1/3 for aged &c. = 74,666 — On Suppos. 2/3 full = 49,777, which taken from 84,000 = 34,000 or 35,000.

12/ Those who have been members of churches
and have neglected their duties. (One was hope-
fully converted while at school & joined the church
(think a free will Baptist.) She married an irre-
ligious man, neglected the sanctuary & the church.
She is in consumption, & I hope thinking on her
ways if no more. Mrs Whitney 109 Apple St.

One belonged to the Methodist Episcopal
Church, No 10 Apple St. & came over to the
Episcopal church, has neglected
the marriage & Sunday services, and her
attendance at the communion wholly, and her
meeting mostly. Her husband has left her.
Another, ^{at 31 Apple St.} united with a church in the vicinity
removed her connections to the 'Old South',
when Dr. Dimes was pastor, married a man
not religious & has not communed with them
since. She has been very indifferent in re-
gard to religion. On my call this month I
thought she had more feeling on the subject,
& I hope she may be reclaimed.

Another is a foreigner, she came to this
country with a husband, both professors
he became intemperate & died. She pro-
posed joining the Bowdoin St. church, Dr.
Becher pastor. She was advised to wait
six months on account of her husband.
Through some misunderstanding she did
not call on them, nor they on her.
She appears a poor, industrious, worthy
& pious woman.

One man, ^{Dr. Clark, same building, as above.} belonged to a church in Maine,
has become very intemperate, the past
winter gave himself up to it. Within the last
week he was persuaded to attend a Com-
munion meeting & signed the pledge.

Another, ^{Gardner, 17 Apple St.} a colored man united with the
Episcopal church in Providence more than
20 years ago. He is a very temperate, moral
man, but neglects all religious duties.

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| 1. Number of Tracts distributed, | 43 |
| 2. Number of Families which refuse them, | 10 |
| 3. Families supplied with the Bible, | |
| 4. Persons supplied with the New Testament, | |
| 5. Children gathered into local Sabbath Schools, | |
| 6. Children gathered into parish Sabbath Schools, | |
| 7. Persons gathered into Bible Classes in local Sabbath Schools, | |
| 8. Persons gathered into Bible Classes in parish Sabbath Schools, | |
| 9. Children gathered into public schools, | |
| 10. Persons induced to attend church, | |
| 11. Places (including hotels) where intoxicating drinks are sold, | 1 |
| 12. Temperance pledges obtained, | |
| 13. Drunkards reclaimed, | 1. Hope - 2 |
| 14. Persons belonging to churches in the country, but resident in the city more than a year, <i>whether belonging to churches in the city</i> | 4 & 2 |
| 15. Backsliders reclaimed, | do not go |
| 16. Hopeful conversions, | to the com |
| 17. Admissions from these to Evangelical churches, | mission |
| 18. Worthy families who need assistance, | Table & 2 |
| 19. Persons for whom employment has been found, | think not |
| 20. Donations received, | much to |
| | hear the |
| | gospel. |

W. A. M. & Co.

Lucy Goodridge, Distributer.

Of those who refuse tracts: 2 are Unitarians, 3 Catholics, 2 Unitarians, 2 Swedenborgians.

The Congregational increase in population for the last 10 yrs, has been at least 8000. To accommodate them we have opened two new places of worship, the average attendance upon which on Sabbath is less than 1300!

The Plan adopted for the Cultivation of this field looks mainly to the employ^t of the dormant energies of the churches in the accomplish^t of work to be done; - & this in two gen^l. depart^s. of labor: (1) the Sabbath School & (2) the Tract Distribution.

The objects sought in the Sabb. School instⁿ you are familiar with. Those sought in the tract distribⁿ will be obvious from the following Enumeration of subjects to which the tract distribⁿ are expected to give their attention -

11. Places (including hotels) where intoxicating drinks are sold,
Jury Goodenough Distributer.
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Collections. The Com^{tee} having surveyed the field & adopted their plan, looked very naturally next to the collections of the funds requisite to carry the Enterprise through the year with^out embarrassment.

They fixed their estimate at \$4000, & assigned to each church wh^t. they supposed would be its fair proportion. Our experience in making & collection has been instructive: The claims of the cause have been presented in 10 of 1 Chh - viz Old South, Bowdoin, Salem, Union, Park St, Franklin, Pine St, Philips, Green St, & Mariners. In two of them, & work of collection was entered upon immediately after the presentⁿ, & the result was &c. In the others &c. — And the prospect now is that those two Chh's, which by & way will be less benefitted by ~~the~~ ^{the enterprise} ~~of~~ ^{most} them ~~others~~, will have to sustain one half of the entire pecuniary burden for the year!

~~The enterprise has been subject to all the embarrassments~~

In securing ^{necessary} ~~the~~ amount of personal service from members of the churches, as distributors, the Enterprise has been subj^d to all & embarrass^t incidents to new arrangements, & to many peculiar to the season of the year. We have been embarrass^d here in three ways (1) We h^{av}e not b. able to get as many distrib^t as we want; nor (2) to keep many of those we did get; nor (3) to get prompt & faithful reports from many of those we kept.

Division 1, District District. June Reports in the 3rd (5) Table 1.

1	17	11	6	2
2	18	15	10	4
3	18	17	11	4
4	20	20	18	12
5	17	15	13	5
6	18	15	3	3
7	21	20	10	3
8	27	19	8	1
9	20	5	none	
10	17	10	6	2
11	15	15	12	4
12	20	18	16	5
13	22	17	13	5
14	21	17	15	7
15	22	12	3	1
16	18	17		
17	16	10	6	4
18	18	18	13	8
19	20	Giants in the Land		
S. Boston	20	19	19	18
E. Boston	21	9	9	3
Seamen	22	8	4	4

See Greeley's Report.

Wanting

401	303	195	45
	$\frac{2}{3}$	257	$\frac{1}{15}-6$
	98	108	208

	No	District
Old South	450	10
Park St.	500	29
Union	500	31
Green St.	200	
Bowdoin	550	47
Salem	450	33
Pine	250	17
Franklin	275	4
Mariners	140	1
Philips	200	15
Free Church	100	
East Boston	70	9
Garden St.	60	
Other Denom.		23
Unknown		76
	3745	295

i.e. We want about
1 in 9; we actually
have 1 in 13!

Of course it will not surprise you if our report of results is not as complete as it should be, & as we hope to make it in time to come. Such as we have, we now present.

The readiness with which the tracts are received; the influence of the Mission in promoting the Cause of temperance, attendance upon public worship, the interests of religion generally, the supply of the wants of the poor &c. &c. will be obvious from the following extracts from the reports of distributors

General Summary.

Quarter Ending July 31

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all reports				2	26	16	18
	Social meetings	Visits	Families of which needed assistance		Armed & placed in work.	Cases of sickness	Deaths
months							
wing -	66	841	393	70	80	106	31
men -	63	1223	240	20	137	59	16
	123	2064	638	90	207	166	47

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To be done.

What now is wanted, as a result of all these statements?

1. That the churches, which have not done it, should see that their proportion of the pecuniary aid be furnished at once. The Com^{tee} are resolved on living within the income. = Place for meeting at S. End.
= Baxter's Cell &c.
= not right - not feel pleasantly

2. That we have the distributors we need, as soon as may be - What a thought that a membership of 3700 cannot give us 400, or 1 in 9 for such a service!

3. That the distributors send in their reports, regularly & without fail. How sad that of 300, ^{not} ~~400~~ ^{little} more than 1/2 make any reports! Had all been faithful in the district & made due report, instead of 530 temp. pledges report we should be at least 800! &c.

4. Let those the h. Charities for the supply of temp. wants of the poor furnish the City Miss^{ns}.
= Stedman's girl
= Mrs Hovey
= Jane Kennedy;

5. Let the chh^{rs} remember the City Mission constantly in their devotions &c.

